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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NSA/A4

THROUGH: TALENT Control Officer, NSA

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] A 4154

SUBJECT: Search for ICBM/Space Vehicle Operations
Near Baykonur, USSR

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement NSA/A4/R20-6
(b) NPIC Project JN-210/61

1. This memorandum is in answer to a request for a detailed examination of the area within a 20-nautical-mile radius of Baykonur (47-50N 66-03E) in Soviet Kazakhstan for evidence of an ICBM/space vehicle launch facility. According to Soviet open-source literature, Baykonur was the launch point for spaceships Vostok I and II.

2. No ICBM/space vehicle facility or associated activity was observed in the area on photography of Mission [REDACTED] or Mission [REDACTED]. These two missions include all of the available usable coverage of the Baykonur area. The following photography was examined for the purpose of this area search:

[REDACTED] (coverage includes only the eastern half of the search area).

[REDACTED] (coverage includes the entire search area but the quality of photography is very poor).

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3. There is no photographic evidence in the Kazakhstan area to indicate a capability for Soviet ICBM or space vehicle launchings from other than the known launch points at Tyura Tam Missile Test Center.

FOR THE DIRECTOR, NPIC

[Redacted Signature]

Operations Officer

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